GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway route length in Orissa is 14 Kms. per 1000 Sq. Km. as against the national average of 19 Kms.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by his Ministry during 2001-2002 and proposed to be taken to attain the national average within the next three years; and

(d) the different States and Union Territories those having railway route length less than the national average at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) As per the latest available data (as on 31.3.2001), the railway route kilometres per 1000 sq. km. of area in the State of Orissa is 14.83 against the national average of 19.17.

(b)&(c) The planning of the Railways is not being done state-wise. Theexpansion of railway network is being planned considering the requirement of traffic and based on strategic/social needs. In the state of Orissa, various new line works are in progress and once completed, they would provide additional route km of about 800 kms. length. The completion of these works would however depend upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

(d) The States and Union Territories having railway route kilometres less than the national average at present are as under:

1 Andhra Pradesh
2 Arunachal Pradesh
3 Chhatisgarh
4 Goa
5 Himachal Pradesh
6 Jammu & Kashmir
7 Karnataka
8 Madhya Pradesh
9. Maharashtra
10 Manipur
11 Mizoram
12 Nagaland
13 Rajasthan
14 Tripura
15 Uttaranchal.